



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Paul Higginbotham  
Chief, Permits Branch  
Office of Water Quality  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Review of NPDES Permit, BP Whiting Refinery, Whiting, IN, Permit No. IN0000108

Dear Mr. Higginbotham:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the draft proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, fact sheet, and supporting documents for the BP Whiting Refinery referenced above and submitted to EPA on September 19, 2013. Based on our review to date, EPA does not intend to object to the issuance of the proposed permit. However, our position could change if modifications are made to the draft proposed permit that EPA has reviewed, there is a change in applicable law prior to IDEM's issuance of the final permit, or EPA learns of new information that causes EPA to reconsider its position.

When the proposed permit is issued, please forward one copy to this office at the above address, attention David Soong, NPDES Programs Branch, along with a summary of any modifications made to the draft proposed permit IDEM submitted to EPA on September 19, 2013. If you have any technical questions related to EPA's review, please contact David Soong of my staff. Mr. Soong can be reached by telephone at (312) 886-0136 or by Email at [soong.david@epa.gov](mailto:soong.david@epa.gov).

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Pierard", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin M. Pierard, Chief  
NPDES Programs Branch

cc: Steve Roush, IDEM